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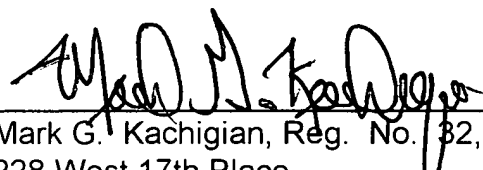
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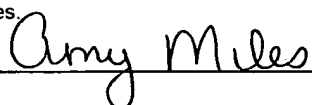
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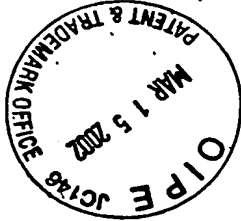
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Self Compensating Amplifier and Driver

The invention which is the subject of this application relates to improvements to the operation of broadcast data receivers and, in particular, to the provision of amplifiers and drivers therefor.

In a broadcast data receiver there is received a number of data streams, one of which is a video signal carrying video data. Said signal is typically carried at between 0 to 1 volts. The broadcast data receiver itself is provided to receive video data, audio data and auxiliary data, and allow the processing of the same so as to allow generation of video, audio and/or auxiliary displays on a display screen and speakers connected thereto. Typically provided within the broadcast data receiver are amplifiers such as simple discreet amplifiers. However, for the same to be able to receive the video signal at between 0 to 1 volt, a DC offset is required to be introduced to the amplifiers to bias the same on the input transistor.

In practise, it is found that the introduction of the DC offset means that any offset voltage is amplified by the gain of the amplifier and hence appears as an amplified DC offset on the output of the same which is undesirable. Furthermore, the operating temperature of these components can change through time and in different environments and so any temperature change effects tends to be amplified, and appears as a further DC offset on the output of the amplifier which again is a problem in the operation of this form of apparatus.

Conventionally, attempts to solve the problem have foundered in that while a particular circuit or DC supply arrangement may solve a particular problem at particular temperatures, if the operating condition changes then the previous solution may not

prove to be a solution in the new operating conditions and in some instances may in fact be a further disadvantage.

Thus, to date, this type of problem has been regarded as being something which has to be tolerated but the aim of the present invention is to provide a solution to these problems and furthermore, to provide a solution which is adapted in that changes in operating conditions of the components can be taken into account.

In a first aspect of the invention, there is provided apparatus for receiving a video signal from video encoder, said video signal provided within a voltage range and wherein said voltage signal is required to be connected to at least one amplifier requiring a DC offset to bias on the input transistor and wherein there is provided a video amplifier and driver circuit which allows compensation in operation due to changes in operating conditions.

In one embodiment, changes in operating temperature and/or amplification of a bias voltage can be taken into account and, used in the subsequent compensation of the circuit of the invention to provide a DC offset at the input transistor of required value.

A specific embodiment of the invention is now described with reference to the accompanying drawing, which shows one possible embodiment of a self compensating circuit in accordance with the invention.

The circuit illustrates a supply typically + and -5 volts in connection with an input which in turn leads, through the self compensating circuit, to outputs 1 and 2. Referring to the circuit diagram, if the values of $R6 = \text{the value of } R7$, then $Q1B$,

R5, R6, R7 and Q2 are used to form a x2 (6db) DC amplifier. This amplifier amplifies the voltage at the Q1B emitter which in turn is referenced to the negative supply by a factor of 2.

The resistors R1, R2, R4 and Q1A act to form a constant current supply that provides a constant voltage drop across the resistor R3 and, although constant, the value of the same is dependent upon the current flowing through it.

In practise, if $R3 = R4$ then any change in the Q1A V_{be} is passed onto R3 to compensate for changes in Q1B's V_{be} .

If $R1 = R2$ then the voltage across R4 will have a value which is half of the negative supply less the V_{be} value for Q1A.

If a low impedance video signal is applied to R3, it will appear at the base of Q1B however will have a DC shift added which is equal in magnitude to that across R4. Thus, in practise, when this combined signal is applied to the base of Q1B the signal that appears at the emitter of Q1B is in fact the video signal. However, the video signal is offset by half of the value of the negative supply voltage and so the x2 gain which is produced serves to amplify the signal to bring the DC component to ground level and also serves to amplify the video signal by 2. The capacitors C1, C2 positioned across R3 and R6 respectively are there to provide frequency compensation.

Thus, it will be seen from this invention and the specific example of the same, that the circuit which is provided allows self compensation of the values dependent on the values of voltage and temperature which are entering the circuit at any one time.

It may also be possible in one embodiment to include an additional resistor at the position of R3 to overcome any negative outputs which are experienced. The provision of the self compensating circuit allows relatively simple video amplifiers to be used and the problems conventionally associated with such use to be overcome.

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